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SUBJ: UNGA--LEGAL COMMITTEE--PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS

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1. IN REACTION TO PROPOSAL CONTAINED PARA 2 OF REFTTEL,
AFRICANS PROPOSED INSTEAD FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"NOTHING IN THIS RESOLUTION AND IN THE CONVENTION
SHALL SIGNIFY AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO COMMIT THE CRIMES
REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONVENTION OR THE SUPPRES-
SION OF THE EXERCISE OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY PEOPLE
STRUGGLING AGAINST COLONIAL, ALIEN AND FOREIGN DOMINATION
AND RACIST REGIMES."

UK AND US DELOFFS REJECTED THIS PROPOSAL.

2. IN EFFORT TO FIND ACCEPTABLE MANNER TO MENTION RES
IN PROPOSED UNDERSTANDING OF SIXTH COMMITTEE, UK DELOFF
CIRCULATED FOLLOWING TEXT TO CERTAIN AFRICANS AND WEOS
DURING MORNING DEC 4:

"IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMITTEE THAT
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NOTHING IN THE RESOLUTION IS INTENDED TO JUSTIFY THE

COMMISSION OF ANY OF THE CRIMES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONVENTION. IT IS EQUALLY THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMITTEE THAT NOTHING IN THE CONVENTION IS INTENDED TO JUSTIFY ANY ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE RESOLUTION."

TOWARD END OF MORNING MEETING, PURSUANT TO BETTAUER (USUN)-NELSON (L/UNA) TELCON, US DELOFF INFORMED UK, GONZALEZ GALVEZ, AND NIGERIANS THAT THIS PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT ABSOLUTE MOST WE COULD AGREE TO WAS SOMETHING ALONG LINES PARA 2 OF REFTEL (OR JUST FIRST SENTENCE OF NEW PROPOSAL).

3. AFRICAN GROUP MET EARLY AFTERNOON DEC 4 AND DID NOT ACCEPT COMPROMISE ALONG LINES PARA 2 OF REFTEL. APPARENTLY, TEXT CONTAINED PREVIOUS PARA DISCUSSED AND MODIFICATIONS SUGGESTED IN GROUP, BUT NO DECISION TAKEN BY GROUP IN VIEW OF FACT THAT TEXT UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

4. DURING AFTERNOON MEETING DEC 4 WE ARGUED PRIVATELY THAT OUTSTANDING PROPOSAL WAS THAT CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL AND PUT ONUS ON AFRICAN GROUP FOR NOT ACCEPTING UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT THAT NOTHING COULD JUSTIFY ATTACKS ON DIPLOMATS.

5. AT CLOSE OF DEC 4 AFTERNOON MEETING GONZALEZ GALVEZ (CHAIRMAN) ANNOUNCED THAT HE REGRETTED TO INFORM COMMITTEE THAT EFFORTS TO REACH COMPROMISE ON ONLY PENDING ISSUE ON CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS HAD FAILED. HE SAID SIXTH COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE DIPOSITION OF ITEM DURING MORNING MEETING DEC 5.
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